

Open Solutions Alliance Appoints New President, Announces New Leadership Team

As consortium looks to its third year, Unisys executive Anthony Gold takes lead position to drive interoperability and education for open solutions

SAN FRANCISCO, December 2, 2008 — The Open Solutions Alliance (OSA), a nonprofit, vendor-neutral consortium dedicated to driving interoperability and adoption of comprehensive open solutions, today announced it has appointed a new president and leadership team to advance its mission in the year ahead.

Anthony Gold, vice president and general manager of open source business at Unisys, will replace former OSA president and SpikeSource executive Dominic Sartorio as president of the organization. Gold is an open-source industry veteran and has been recognized as one of the most influential executives in the business today.

“Unisys has been an active OSA member since early 2007 and is committed to helping the OSA achieve its mission. As president, I look forward to working with members and the industry as a whole to drive interoperability and education of open solutions,” said Anthony Gold, president of the OSA, and vice president and general manager, Unisys. “In the year ahead, we will increase our efforts on the Common Customer View project and identify new opportunities where the unique role of a consortium can accelerate momentum for open solutions.”

The organization has appointed four additional open source leaders to help execute the OSA mission.

- Scott Barnett, OSA Marketing Chair. Barnett is co-founder and COO of Bluenog and brings 20 years of software industry experience to the OSA.
- Gopi Ganapathy, OSA Community Development Chair. Ganapathy is founder and CEO of Essentia, and has lead the development of many well known open source community platforms including Openoffice and Subversion.
- Mike Moody and Uwe Vielle, OSA Interoperability Co-Chairs. Moody is vice president of engineering at Jaspersoft, and Vielle is a senior architect at Unisys. Moody and Vielle’s combined experience in software engineering and community collaboration will help drive the OSA’s technical pursuits forward.

“The OSA has had a significant impact on educating customers about open solutions and bringing together vendors to work on interoperability among open solutions,” said Dominic Sartorio, SpikeSource executive and former OSA president. “I’m very happy with what the organization has accomplished in its first two years, and have full confidence in the new leadership team’s ability to take

the OSA to the next level.”

The OSA launched in February 2007 and announced OSA Europe one year later. In 2009, the organization will focus on interoperability initiatives, driving standards, and working with business and technology leaders to meet the needs of customers using a “hybrid” of software solutions in their enterprises.

In its first year, the company hosted a successful Customer Forum Series where it was able to hear directly from customers about their requirements for deploying open solutions. A report that details the findings of the Series can be found here: <http://www.opensolutionsalliance.org/>.

The organization’s most significant achievement has been the Common Customer View project, a collaborative effort that has resulted in a complete view of customer interactions for users of open solutions across different applications. The OSA also conducts a variety of surveys each year to provide the market with useful information that informs decisions by business and IT managers alike.

About the Open Solutions Alliance

The Open Solutions Alliance (OSA) is a nonprofit, vendor neutral consortium dedicated to driving the interoperability and adoption of comprehensive open solutions. Founded in 2007, it is supported by leading companies from around the world who are dedicated to improving interoperability among software products, resulting in integrating and rapidly deployable solutions for business users. Through cooperative action and advocacy, the OSA helps facilitate interoperability, reduce barriers to adoption and raise the awareness of open solutions in business. For more information, please visit www.OpenSolutionsAlliance.org.

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